

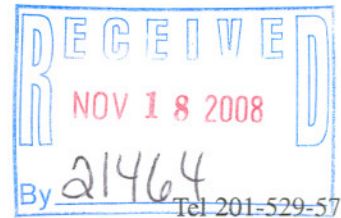


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**Re: Executive Order 114
Township of Mahwah
Extension of Time to Submit COAH Plan**

Dear Directors:

Enclosed please find copies of:

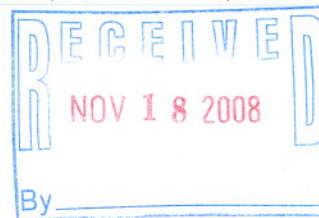
1. Township of Mahwah Resolution #136-08A, adopted November 13, 2008, Seeking an Extension of the Deadline to Petition for Substantive Certification.
2. ✓ Township of Mahwah Resolution #137-08A, adopted November 13, 2008, Notice of Intent to Petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance.

The Township of Mahwah looks forward to working with both Agencies toward Plan Conformance and Substantive Certification under the revised deadlines.

Very truly yours,


Brian Campion
Business Administrator

BC/pk
Enclosures



RESOLUTION

TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
PO BOX 733
MAHWAH NJ 07430

Resolution #137-08A

Date: November 13, 2008

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alderisio			X			
DiGiulio	X		X			
Hermansen		X	X			
Kidd			X			
Larson						X
Roth			X			
DaPuzzo			X			

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but

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not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, Township of Mahwah lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Mahwah believes that it is in the best interest of the Township of Mahwah to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Mahwah hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Township of Mahwah intends to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Governing Body of the Township of Mahwah has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall keep a copy of this Resolution on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution consisting of two (2) page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah, 13th day of November, 2008.


Kathrine G. Coletta, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk


John DaPuzzo
Council President